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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response which expires October 18, 2002. Please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a red-lined copy indicating changes to the claims is attached hereto. Please amend the above-identified application as follows. A marked-up version of the claim amendments showing the changes is attached hereto and identified as "Red-Lined copy of the Amendment."

**AMENDMENT**

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein and amend the claims as follows:

1. (AMENDED) An alloy comprising (1) Sn, (2) at least one of Ti and Zr, and (3) at least one of Nb and Ta;